

MINUTES

IMPERIAL BEACH CITY COUNCIL REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY

JULY 22, 2008

**Community Room
(behind Council Chambers at City Hall)
825 Imperial Beach Boulevard
Imperial Beach, CA 91932**

WORKSHOP – 9:00 A.M.

WORKSHOP CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR

MAYOR JANNEY called the Workshop meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK

Councilmembers present:	Winter, Bragg
Councilmembers absent:	McLean
Mayor present:	Janney
Mayor Pro Tem present:	McCoy
Staff present:	City Manager Brown; City Attorney Lough; City Clerk Hald

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY STAFF

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

REPORTS

1. 5-YEAR CIP PLAN TIMELINE. (0330-95)

CITY MANAGER BROWN reported that a CIP development plan timeline was provided.

Council expressed concern about funding projects from the General Fund that do not generate revenue and create additional maintenance; they discussed borrowing future TransNet Funds to complete more or larger projects; currently 30% of TransNet funds is allocated to the Street Maintenance O&M Budget, staff will work on a waiver to increase allocation above 30%; CIP will go into effect in July 2009 and City Council would have six months to decide whether or not to go out for a bond.

2. WATER CONSERVATION. (0230-70)

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR LEVIEN reported that he submitted a grant application to the State for \$250,000 to be used towards xeriscape landscaping.

Discussion ensued regarding use of artificial turf for the parkways, including the use of it in the Clean & Green program; interest expressed by St. James Church to install xeriscape in their corner lot; exploring the use of the Smart Water System (satellite watering system that works with data from NOAA) for watering needs; discussion ensued regarding the cost benefit of artificial turf; Consensus of City Council present for staff to look into artificial turf for a soccer field at Veterans Park and xeriscape for the front of City Hall.

3. SCULPTURE FOR CITY HALL. (1000-10)

A majority of City Council supported staff to explore placement of the "One with the Wave" at Triangle Park rather than at City Hall; a suggestion offered was to use the fountain as a base for the art sculpture.

4. SAND REPLENISHMENT UPDATE. (0220-70)

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR WADE gave an update on the following projects:

- Army Corps project - he noted that the unfunded portion is the construction funds from the Federal government; since this project is not in the Energy and Water Appropriations Bill, he suggested that the contract with Marlowe & Company be terminated until the end of this year; he is looking into reappropriating the \$4.2 million from the State;
- Moffatt & Nichol who was hired by SANDAG to work on the Regional Sediment Management Plan - conducted a workshop in Imperial Beach on June 12; they are supportive of a submerged sand retention reef that would help to maintain sand and also create active surf breaks; the Fate and Transport Study is at the 100% construction drawing phase;
- SCoup Project – the MND has been approved in several jurisdictions, approval will come before City Council in August; several permits need to be approved before placement of sand south of Imperial Beach Blvd.

Discussion ensued regarding obtaining a lobbyist in Sacramento to push for legislation to reallocate the \$4.2 million, as well as work on obtaining funding for other projects; discussion ensued regarding quotes for several lobbyists rather than focusing on one.

5. A PROPOSED AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT WITH SOUTH BAY COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR A TRANSITIONAL LIVING PROGRAM FOR FORMER FOSTER CARE INDIVIDUALS. (0660-15)

REDEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR SELBY reported on the project and the displacement of the current residents.

City Council expressed concern regarding displacement of all of the residents as they are not children of the foster program; Council expressed concern about the placement of the facility in Imperial Beach; it was also noted that the transiency occupancy rate is already high in this city.

PAT HUTCHINS announced that the County conducted a rehabilitation loan program in Imperial Beach where the County advanced the money for rehabilitation of properties interest free for ten years; the properties are low income housing where the rent and income levels were set by HUD; those units will be ready again next year.

A majority of City Council was not in support of this type of project anywhere in Imperial Beach.

6. BUDGET. (0330-30)

CITY MANAGER BROWN gave a brief update on the State budget; they are considering the taking of redevelopment money.

7. REVIEW OF CITY COUNCIL GOALS AND SURVIVAL PLAN. (0100-10 & 0620-90)

MAYOR JANNEY announced he and City Manager Brown will meet with the superintendents of both school districts and one of the issues to be discussed is the need for tennis courts.

COUNCILMEMBER WINTER submitted a copy of an article entitled, "Can You Afford Green Power?" from the American City & County Magazine.

CITY MANAGER BROWN announced the SDG&E study will be brought forward soon.

REPORTS OF MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

MAYOR JANNEY adjourned the meeting at 11:07 a.m.

James C. Janney, Mayor

Jacqueline M. Hald, CMC
City Clerk